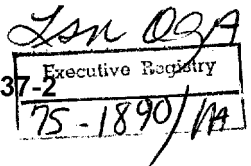


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The Honorable Edward H. Levi
Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Levi:

This is in response to your letter of May 15, 1975, concurring in my proposed guidelines for anticipated interviews of employees and ex-employees of the CIA by attorneys of the Department of Justice in connection with their investigation of possible violations of Federal criminal statutes by Agency employees.

I appreciate your recognition of the problems such an investigation may create in the area of my responsibility to protect intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure. While I realize that professional ethics make it most unlikely that a Department of Justice attorney would disclose information coming into his possession in the course of this investigation, execution of secrecy agreements by attorneys and any others in the Department working on this matter will give me added assurance that I have taken all possible steps to protect the sensitive information that will be disclosed to them.

Members of the staffs of the Commission on CIA Activities Within the United States and the Senate Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations with Respect to Intelligence Activities have executed secrecy agreements at the urging of this Agency. I would appreciate it if the Department would provide the Agency with copies of executed secrecy agreements by all Department employees who have had access to Agency classified information during the course of these investigations.

With your agreement to the interview procedures which I have suggested, I believe we have a basis to expect that you will be able to complete your investigation without undue difficulty caused by the special treatment required



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for information relating to intelligence sources and methods. I give you my personal assurance that the Agency will provide you and your staff with all possible assistance and cooperation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bill

W. E. Colby
Director

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